

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last paragraph on page 2, with the following new paragraph:

[0005] It has been found, however, that the formation of a conductive coating layer on the outer surface of a corrugated metal pipe as described in JP2002-174374A, JP2003-083483A and JP2003-083482A, and the winding of a self-fusible insulating tape ~~as a shielding metal layer~~ around the metal pipe as described in JP2002-310381A and JP2002-315170A are insufficient as safety measures to the induced lightning.